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1. WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN
REFTEL, I.E., THE DESIRABILITY OF REVISING EXISTING GUIDE-
LINES COVERING USG ACTIVITIES IN KASHMIR TO MAKE THEM CON-
FORM MORE TO PRESENT-DAY REALITIES. ON THE OTHER HAND,
WE DO NOT WISH TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED
TO INDICATE THAT USG POLICY HAS SHIFTED AWAY FROM THE
POSITION THAT KASHMIR IS A DISPUTED TERRITORY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS EMBASSIES NEW DELHI AND ISLAMABAD HAVE SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES WITH THEM, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL APPLY TO USG ACTIVITIES IN BOTH PARTS OF KASHMIR:

(A) IN GENERAL, ANY ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, ETC., INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH, USIS PROGRAMS AND COMMERCIAL/TRADE PROMOTION, WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT ELSEWHERE IN INDIA AND PAKISTAN MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN KASHMIR, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BELOW. IN CARRYING OUT

THESE ACTIVITIES, THE EMBASSIES SHOULD ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO SUDDEN SPURT IN ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS SHOULD BE AS LOW PROFILE AS THEY CAN BE WHILE ACHIEVING THEIR PURPOSES.

(B) FOR NOW, IN NO CASE SHOULD A USG EMPLOYEE BE STATIONED IN OR ASSIGNED FOR PROLONGED TDY IN KASHMIR.

(C) NO AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE SIGNED WITH EITHER PAKISTAN OR INDIA WHICH REFER BY NAME TO KASHMIR. ON THE OTHER HAND, AGREEMENTS MAY BE SIGNED WITH GENERAL APPLICATION IN EITHER COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD INVOLVE ACTIVITIES IN KASHMIR.

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(D) ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE AVOIDED WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE CONTINUOUS MONITORING BY USG PERSONNEL OR THE USE OF LONG-TERM US CONTRACTOR SERVICES IN KASHMIR, OR WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED TO HAVE MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE, E.G., RURAL ROADS, ELECTRIFICATION OR COMMUNICATION.

(E) AMBASSADORS SHOULD CONTINUE NOT TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF AZAD KASHMIR AND THE CHIEF MINISTER OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR. OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY CONTINUE TO CALL ON THESE OFFICIALS IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT WHICH THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. CHRISTOPHER

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